

# Nuclear Reaction

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THE relatively calm reaction of the Russians to fresh disclosures of an old fact, namely that American nuclear warheads are available to German warplanes assigned to NATO, has convinced U. S. authorities that Moscow has an "understanding" or "arrangement" with its Warsaw Pact allies about the use of Soviet tactical nuclear weapons in Eastern Europe. It may be comparable to the so-called "two-key" system that prohibits the use of the U. S. warheads except through the explicit command of the President of the United States.

Soviet troops, together with those of other Eastern European countries, have conducted maneuvers in which tactical nuclear weapons (sans warhead) have figured. For this reason, some American officials say Moscow has erected a straw man in its objections to a NATO arrangement for joint nuclear control that would include the West Germans.

THE publication of historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.'s giant memoir of John F. Kennedy's "Thousand Days" has rekindled the controversy about Secretary of State Dean Rusk and his alleged shortcomings. The bland, self-effacing, dutiful and dull Rusk has shown himself to flourish best under siege, whether from the left or the right. His rating rises in the White House and in Congress when the sniping is fiercest.

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A JOB description for a man who might have to become a czar of the cities as Secretary of the new Department of Housing and Urban Development hasn't been written. Hence, the quest has been wide-ranging and exasperating. Among those who have been recommended to Mr. Johnson are New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and his banker brother, David. Negro leaders have joined ranks behind Robert C. Weaver, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.